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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR MARR MPOL MOPS IR MU YS
SUBJ: PDRY DOWNING OF IRANIAN PHANTOM

REF SANA 4325 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HEAD OF CHANCERY TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 12 THAT DURING LAST TWO DAYS SENIOR OMANI OFFICIAL AT DEPUTY MINISTER LEVEL CAME TO TEHRAN SEEKING ASSURANCES THAT IRAN WOULD NOT RESORT TO UNILATERAL RPT UNILATERAL MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SOUTH YEMEN OVER AIRCRAFT SHOOT-DOWN. HE DEPARTED WITHOUT GETTING THESE ASSURANCES.

2. SAME SOURCE SAID BRITISH MILITARY GROUP IN OMAN IS CONVINCED AIRCRAFT WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY A SAM-7 MISSILE. THIS APPEARS TO CONFIRM INFORMATION IN REFTEL.

3. REGARDING COMMENT IN REFTEL, IRANIANS HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN FULLY AWARE THAT SOUTH YEMENIS HAVE SAM MISSILES. ALSO, IT SEEMS LIKELY BRITISH CONVICTION THAT PHANTOM WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN SA-7 HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE IRANIANS EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE OMANIS.

4. AS TO FURTHER STEPS IN THIS AFFAIR, IT OCCURS TO US THAT, HAVING WAITED THIS LONG, IRANIANS WOULD PREFER NOT

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TO INITIATE ANY CLASH WITH ARABS (EVEN OF THE PDRY'S

STAMP) PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE OPEC MEETING IN DOHA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IRAN'S DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW
RECOVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT BY PDRY IS CLEAR, AND IRANIANS
MAY FIND THEIR HAND BEING FORCED EARLIER SHOULD PDRY CHOOSE
TO TRY SALVAGING THE AIRCRAFT.
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